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ON THIS CASE. ENG

29 November 2004

RE: Zoning Case # C14-04-0030

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Members:

I am writing to request that you deny the above referenced zoning case. I strongly oppose GR-MU zoning on this property and the Applicant has repeatedly refused to consider any project of a smaller size or less intense in use.


This hillside was intentionally preserved as a dramatic entrance to the City of Austin when the interstate was designed and constructed; it was intended to be a green space and buffer when Riverside Drive was expanded.

The bluff that this Applicant wants to excavate sits nearly 100 feet above the Colorado River, over 30 feet above Riverside Drive, and it has been a part of my neighborhood since the 1930's. Before that, it was a site chosen by native peoples possibly as early as 9000 years ago.

I am including copies of photos of the artifacts that were discovered in a neighbor's yard on the same hillside, just a few feet from the bluff that the Applicant intends to destroy. Also included is my letter to the Archeology Division of the Texas Historical Commission and the reply I received from an archeologist there.

The color photos are from an auction brochure produced for sale of the property in the late 90's. It praises the value of this property as a home site.

Sincerely,



Gayle Goff

1106 Upland Drive
Austin, TX 78741

From: "Dan Potter" <dan.potter@thc.state.tx.us>
To: <simplydivine@jun0.com>
Cc: "Donna McCarver" <Donna.McCarver@thc.state.tx.us>
Date: Fri, 5 Nov 2004 10:11:13 -0600
Subject: Thank you for your email and photos

Dear Ms. Goff,

I have looked at the three photographs you sent via email to the Archeology Division here at the THC. I have looked at the artifacts represented and find that you have a very wide-ranging collection in terms of known types and time periods. Two of the pictured artifacts may be from late Paleoindian times, as early as 9,000 years ago or perhaps slightly older. A number of Archaic period artifacts are also pictured, as well as several arrowpoints from what we term the "Late Prehistoric" period. These latter, very small points date roughly from 900 AD to perhaps around 1500 AD.

Considered as a group, the artifacts suggest that at least 9,000 years of occupation have occurred in the immediate area of your neighborhood. If all of these tools come from one or two spots (archeological sites), then I would estimate that you may have some very significant archeological sites in the immediate area. Of course, I can't tell you this with certainty without having seen exactly where these artifacts were found.

From a legal point of view, artifacts found on private land are the property of the landowner. On public lands, including land owned by the state or a political subdivision of the state (such as a city or county govt.), archeological sites and their contents are public property and are protected under the Antiquities Code of Texas, and may not be disturbed without a permit from the Texas Historical Commission.

For more exact information regarding the pictured artifacts, I would need to inspect the actual specimens, but I hope the above information is useful to you. If you have any questions or if I may supply any further information, please feel free to email me or call my direct line below.

Sincerely,

Dan Potter

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From: simplydivine@juno.com
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Date: Thu, 4 Nov 2004 10:25:43 -0600
Subject: Fw: attn: Mr. Dan Potter

Dear Mr. Potter:

I am an Austin resident and we have found some interesting artifacts --projectile points and other tools -- in the yards in our neighborhood. We are very interested in hearing if you and the other archeologists think they might be of any significance. I have attached a few photographs for your review.

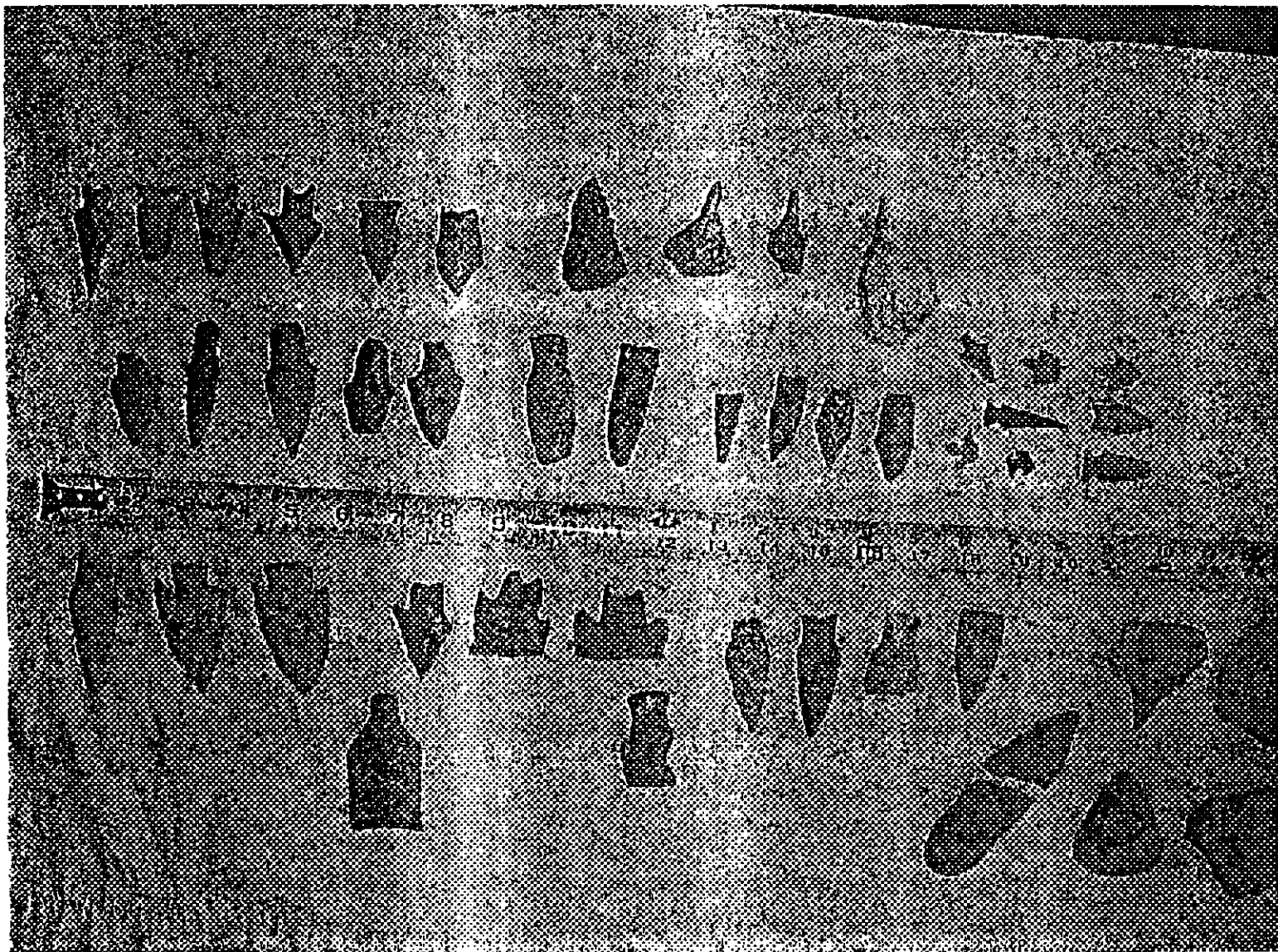
Thank you for your time.

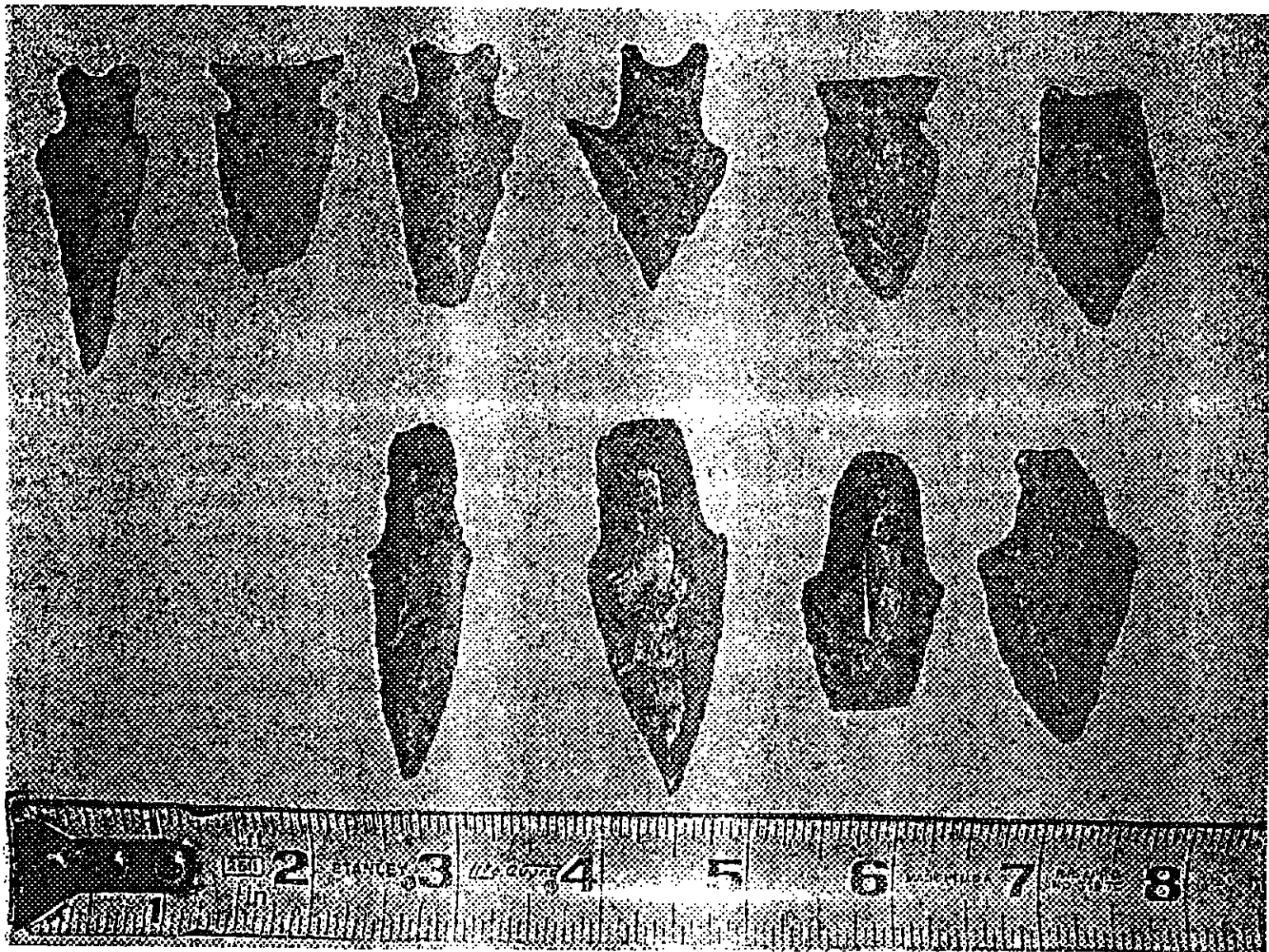
Sincerely,

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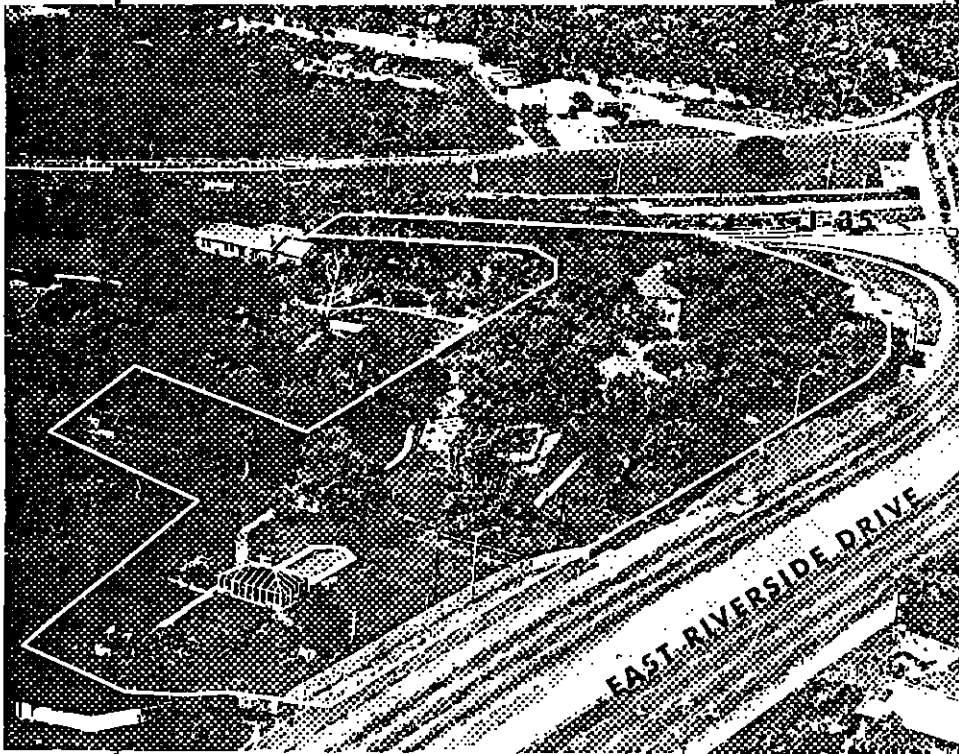
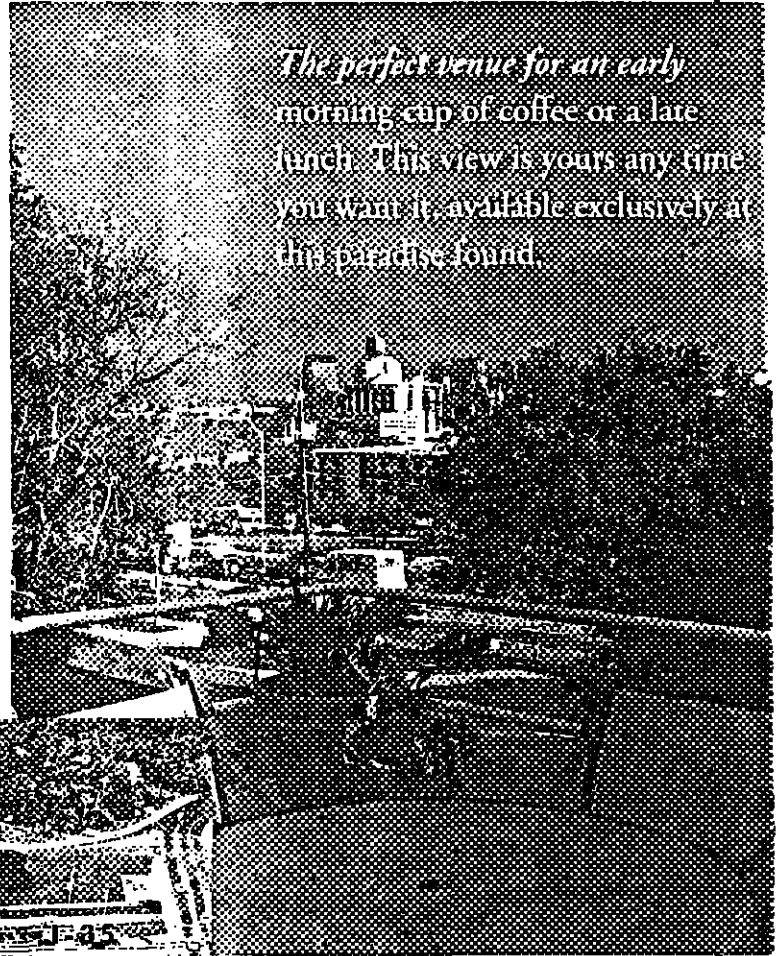
America's Trophy Property Auctioneers



Walk To Downtown Restaurants, Shopping And Music District.

On a pristine hilltop, just across the Colorado River from beautiful downtown Austin, lie over three acres of some of the most desirable property in the great Southwest. The view from here is pure Texas and bigger than life. On one side lies the famous hill country of Austin. On the other is downtown Austin, herself: vibrant, alive and just a short walk away from what could be your backyard.

The perfect venue for an early morning cup of coffee or a late lunch. This view is yours any time you want it, available exclusively at this paradise found.



On this property are *two highly distinct homes*, each guarded by ancient oaks, landscaped ponds and all the trappings of a life outside the city. But, you're not outside the city. You're in the heart of Austin, and there is simply no better place to be.

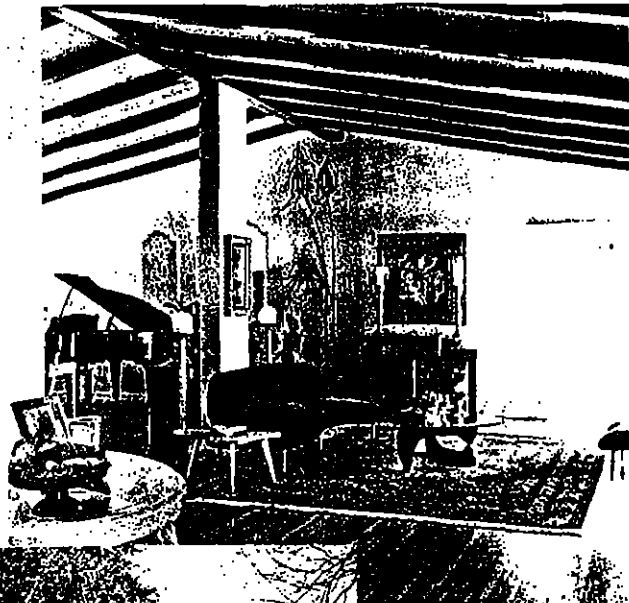
1405 E. Riverside Drive

This character-filled Frank Lloyd Wright style estate sits on 1.83 +/- acres of the highest hilltops overlooking the city of Austin. The property is a sea of tranquility, an oasis amidst one of the country's most exciting cities. Three ponds accent the premises, including a koi pond with a 5-foot waterfall and exotic tropical garden. There's a swimming pool, Japanese style gazebo, a Zen garden, and an English conservatory.



A kitchen for the most discerning tastes. It's new, exquisite, comfortable, and above all, *capable of servicing the most demanding of chefs.*

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Highlights

FOYER: Marble flooring • Crown molding • LIVING ROOM: High wood beamed ceiling • Expansive windows • Hardwood floors • Fireplace • Excellent view of city skyline & Town Lake • FLORIDA ROOM: Expansive windows • Built-in waterfall/pond • Finlandia redwood cedar dry sauna • DINING ROOM: High wood beamed ceilings • Hardwood floors • View of the city • CHEF'S KITCHEN: Remodeled in 1997 • Spacious with breakfast bar • Separate sitting area • Commercial Wolf stove & top-of-the-line appliances • MASTER BEDROOM: Wall of built-in closets and drawers • Expansive windows • Hardwood floors • Crown molding • French doors to patio • MASTER BATH: Custom built-ins • Crown molding • Art deco faucets • Ceramic tile floors • BEDROOM #2: French doors leading to patio • Hardwood floors • Wall of built-in closet and drawers • Private bath overlooks the koi pond • BEDROOM #3: Hardwood floors • French doors leading to patio • Crown molding • Wall of built-in closets and drawers • BEDROOM #4: Located on lower level • Terracotta tile floors • Private bath • Expansive windows • Private entrance • OFFICE/LIBRARY: Hardwood flooring • Jacuzzi hot tub on patio • Brinks-monitored Security System • Wood privacy fence •



1317 E. Riverside Drive



A family of ancient oaks stands guard over this two-story modern classic home, located on 1 +/- acres of the highest hilltops overlooking the City of Austin.



Highlights

FOYER: Hardwood floors • LIVING ROOM: Newly refinished hardwood floors • Heavy carved wood paneling and molding • Wood burning fireplace shared with Dining Room • Expansive windows with excellent view of the city skyline and Town Lake • DINING ROOM: Opens into Living Room • hardwood floor • Stone fireplace shared with Living Room • Excellent view of the city skyline and Town Lake • DEN: Limestone flooring • French doors • Full bath • KITCHEN: Spacious commercial kitchen with Wolf stove • Triple stainless sinks • Original pine floors • Commercial shelving • Commercial refrigeration • MASTER BEDROOM: Hardwood flooring • Expansive wrap-around windows • Private entrance to outside courtyard • MASTER BATH: Large with oversized raised Jacuzzi tub • Separate shower • BEDROOM #2: Hardwood floors • Wrap-around windows • View of city skyline and Town Lake • Private entrance to outside courtyard • Alcove with private bath with Jacuzzi tub • BEDROOM #3: Limestone flooring • Stone fireplace • Private entrance to outside courtyard • LIBRARY: Expansive window • Built-in bookshelves

